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1. The communication filed 19 December 2000 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed 20 November 2000 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With The Sequence Rules. Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132. Although the CRF submitted with Applicants' response is technically good and has been entered, the application still does not fully comply with the Sequence Rules. There are several passages in the specification that describe specifically defined sequences, but do not refer to the sequences by SEQ ID NO: (see e.g., page 5, lines 28-32). Applicants' attention is also directed to the claims, where Claims 22 and 23 refer to amino acid and nucleotide sequences depicted in tables found in the specification. This practice does not comply with the Sequence Rules. The referenced sequence must be identified by a SEQ ID NO:. Please review the application for all instances where a specific amino acid or nucleic acid sequence is referenced and identify the sequence by its corresponding SEQ ID NO: (see, FELDMAN et al., US 5,633,145, throughout the specification and claims for examples).

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide attempt to comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to correct the deficiency so as to comply with the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) in order to avoid abandonment of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Tu whose telephone number is (703)308-3968. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:30 pm (Eastern Time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached at (703)308-2923. The FAX phone number for group 1600 is (703)308-4242.

An inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0196.

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The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

- 1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998).
- 2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
- 3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
- 4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing."
- 5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A Substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
- 6. The paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is not the same as the computer readable from of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
- 7. Other: _____

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